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REORIENTING FOOD RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DG, CSIR had in one of the interviews to Nutrition World magazine had called for reorienting food research in India to seize the emerging markets;

(b) if so, whether the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) had prepared a road map for this; and

(c) if so, the further action taken by the Government thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b)&(c) The Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) has prepared a road map for achieving the objectives for reorienting food research in the country. It has initiated programmes in the area of Nutrition. Some of these programmes are: primary processing to reduce wastage (mini dhal mills), technologies suited to production by masses, empowering women entrepreneurs to leverage the opportunities in the local areas through NGO organizations and co-operatives, training the trainers across the various regions through integration with State Governments, creating digital data bases of traditional foods so as to protect these practices from patenting abroad, and working on value added spin off food technologies arising from such databases.